



DECLARATION
by the
Insurance Commissioner of the State of California

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the counties of Southern California, caused by a number of fires currently raging in the area; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 14022.5(a) of the California Insurance Code, I find that an emergency situation exists;

NOW, I, JOHN GARAMENDI, Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 14022.5(a) of the California Insurance Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM AN EMERGENCY SITUATION** to exist within the counties of San Diego, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Los Angeles, California.

THEREFORE, I AUTHORIZE insurers to utilize certain adjusters in conformity with the requirements of Section 14022.5 of the California Insurance Code, to the extent such use is reasonably necessary in order to adequately respond to the emergency situation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand to be
affixed this 5th day of November, 2003.


JOHN GARAMENDI
Insurance Commissioner